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From 29 October to 21 November, the Artillerie Kaserne on the island in the Oder River in Kuestrin was occupied by a 37-mm AAA unit and a 85-mm caliber unit. A column observed en route from Kuestrin to Manschnow on 13, 20 and 21 November included vehicles mounting a machine gun, towing a 1-axle box, each towing an 85-mm AA gun and occupied by about 12 soldiers. Six trucks each towing an 85-mm AA gun went to Manschnow and returned on 21 November. Truck towing a 37-mm AA gun and occupied by officers went to the area of the Vorflutinsel for short aiming practices on 12 November. From 29 October to 21 November, service of the piece drill was performed daily on 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the western training area and on 16 x 85-mm AA guns in the southeastern training area. Two groups consisting from 6 to 12 and from 35 to 50 soldiers received basic drill on the former Detlefsen Strasse and also engaged in callisthenics at the barracks yard. A truck was seen proceeding toward Frankfurt/Oder for driver's practice on 8 November. Eighty to 100 soldiers, a military band and wreathes marched toward the Russian cemetery in the direction of Manschnow on 8 November.

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Comment. The information indicates that the Artillerie Kaserne is still occupied by a light and a medium regiment of the 32d AAA Div

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